



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

December 22, 2019

This Sunday, December 22, at 10:00 a.m.

"An Apocryphal Christmas"

Did you know that there are non-canonical (or "apocryphal") Christian nativity stories beyond the familiar stories from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke? Come and hear some alternative ancient versions of the story of the baby Jesus. Rev. Lara Hoke will preach. After fellowship, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., the **UU Ukes** will lead a sing-a-long of secular and traditional holiday songs. Don't miss it!

Religious Education for Children and Youth

This Sunday, December 22, 10:00 a.m.

KidSpace: Holiday Fun - The Winter Solstice brings seasonal celebrations of all kinds. We will make Santa treats, play dreidel, and wish upon a star.

Next Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m.

Children and youth are invited to attend this year-end Potpourri service.



FCU Upcoming Holiday Services



Regular Sunday Service, December 22, 10:00 a.m.

UU Ukes Christmas Concert and Sing-a-Long, December 22, 12:00 p.m.

Please join us for an hour of Christmas music that is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit and bring a smile to your face. The UU Ukes will be providing "pre concert" refreshments during Coffee Hour. (See boxes below)

Christmas Eve Service and Pageant, Wednesday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.

New Year's Potpourri - Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m. A chance to share meaningful readings.

First Church Unitarian
19 Foster St. Littleton

FREE 12-1 pm

Sunday 12/22

Holiday Sing-A-Long
With First Church Unitarian's
UU Ukes

Join us in singing secular & religious holiday favorites with a ukulele orchestra. All ages welcome.

Unitarian Universalist Ukuleles



Food, Fun, and Fellowship, Friday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.

This is our all-church, intergenerational, no-agenda potluck with optional games afterward. It is a fantastic way to get to know the other congregants and to personally invite people who might be interested in attending our church. To renew an old tradition, in addition to a potluck dish and perhaps a game to share, you are encouraged to bring unscented candles so we can lower the lights and have a dinner by candlelight! It is helpful if you sign up. [HERE IS THE SIGN UP LINK](#)

**We hope to see you in church this Sunday morning.
First Church Unitarian is a wonderful place to be.**

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is the UU Service Committee's annual intergenerational program. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights and learn about the "guests" in Guest at Your Table. This year, UUSC's Guest at Your Table theme is **Women Leaders, Strong Communities**. We will be collecting for GAYT through December 29 in place of our monthly "Share the Plate." A table in the vestry has a place to put checks made out to UUSC, boxes for cash and more information about GAYT. Please be generous.

Next Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m.
FCU's New Year Potpourri Service

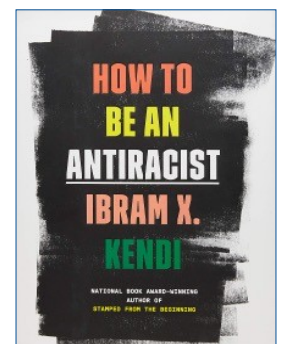
This is a chance for you to bring in a favorite reading, poem or just a story to share. Please join us in creating a wonderful service as we usher in a New Year. Children and youth will be joining us for the service so we can look forward to some nice stories from them, too.



Shelter Tree Collection - Please bring NEW warm outerwear and underwear - mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, coats, socks, etc. which we will donate to a local shelter. Place things under the tree anytime between now and Christmas Eve. Thank you.

Recommended reading from the Racial Justice Action Committee

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the National Book Award-winning author of *Stamped from the Beginning* comes a "groundbreaking" (Time) approach to understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society — and in ourselves. Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science with his own personal story of awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond the awareness of racism to the next step: contributing



Senior Cohousing: A Community Approach to Aging in Place
Information Meeting by Middlesex Senior Cohousing
Saturday, January 11, 2:00 p.m., Reuben Hoar Public Library
RSVP to middlesexseniorcohousing@gmail.com

Come learn about senior cohousing and our project to build the *first senior cohousing neighborhood in New England!* We have property under contract in Littleton and hope to begin the permitting process soon.

Cohousing is an innovative model that started in Denmark and operates on the understanding that *community* is the best insurance for having a fun and fulfilling 3rd Act and getting the mutual support we need as we age.



Program features a slideshow, Q&A, refreshments and facilitated break-out groups focused on aging in place and in community. **For more info, visit www.middlesexseniorcohousing.org** and the Cohousing Association of the United States at www.cohousing.org



FCU has long been a strong supporter of the **Loaves and Fishes** food pantry in Devens. The pantry provides food and household necessities to any residents of Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley who are in need of help. Some of the most needed items are: Canned vegetables, fruits, gravy, soups, rice, hot and cold cereals, hamburger helpers, etc.